

THORNTON HELD  
TO GRAND JURYBig Crowd Attends Trial of Men  
Charged With Being Implicated  
In Harris' Creek Killing

John Thornton and his sons, Tom Thornton and George Thornton, were held to await the action of the grand jury next month by Judge Bailey at their examining trial in the Lincoln county court, as a result of the shooting at the Harris' Creek schoolhouse Christmas night, which resulted in the death of Willie Benedict. George Thornton, who is charged with having fired the shot which killed Benedict, was placed under \$500 bond; John Thornton under \$300 bond and Tom Thornton, under \$200 bond. Bail for the three was furnished by Messrs. Frank Martin, George Gaddis, Mike Gaddis and James Hanson, and they were released.

Testimony introduced at the examining trial was very conflicting. A great deal of interest was manifested in the hearing, and a large number of people who were present at the Christmas celebration, when the trouble occurred, came down to the trial. In the absence of County Attorney W. S. Burch, who continues ill, Attorney K. S. Alcorn acted for the prosecution, while the defendants were represented by Attorney T. J. Hill, Jr. The gist of the testimony given by the more important witnesses was as follows:

**James Gordon**  
James Gordon who lives three miles back of Milledgeville, told of going to the Christmas tree with the Rev. Shouse. He said the Benedicts and Rev. Shouse sat in the same seat. They heard Tom Thornton doing some loud talking, which got worse. His father walked over and took him out the door. He soon returned and came up in front of the platform and the rumpus started. Tom Thornton acted as if he were drinking. Some got up and left as they suspected trouble. Sam Benedict was in the center of the house, sitting on top of part of a bench with his wife and little girl talking. After Thornton came up the aisle and some yelled to "take him out," the next thing he saw was George Thornton with a pistol crying "turn him loose." They took him out and there was quiet for a while. After George Thornton went out, he came back around the stove with his pistol in his hand and said to Wm. Benedict who was leaning on a bench "Are you the man who wants to shoot this?" Benedict told him he was the man, and started up. George Thornton fired. Benedict didn't fire. Benedict was sober. He said he and his family had been mistreated there several times and that he was going to try to stop him.

On being cross-examined by Attorney Hill, he said he didn't see Benedict's pistol; he saw men holding Benedict; didn't see him draw a gun; prior to the shooting, saw nothing wrong out of Thornton. Geo. Thornton fired the first shot, right after asking Benedict the question. Met Mosehart, a well known farmer of the West End of the county testified that he didn't see the shooting; he saw Tom Thornton come in and ask where was Santa Claus; he was drinking; John Thornton took him out; he heard a noise at the back of the house and went to his children to take them home; met George Thornton at the door with a revolver; helped to push him out of the door; took children home; met George coming back with pistol; told him not to do that; George said: "Let me go; I'll kill the son of a B—." saw Benedict sitting on a bench with his baby in his lap; they had had a previous difficulty from some cause.

On cross-examination, he said he was on the doorstep when the shots were fired; he did not see Benedict with a pistol; John Thornton tried to quiet things in front of the house; did not hear Tom say anything to Benedict; didn't know what Benedict was doing.

**Marion Galloway**  
Marion Galloway was at the celebration and saw the shooting. He testified how the trouble started; Tom Thornton started to come in and hold; Bill Benedict was standing up; George Thornton was acting Santa Claus; Tom Thornton was put out; but Bill Benedict did not help the men who did it; he said "I'll be quiet," he said "Marion, I'm just as quiet as I can be." George Thornton shot Benedict three times and Benedict sunk forward; heard no words between them; four guns were cracking; Tom Thornton and others scuffling; did not see Tom or John Thornton fire; Gaddis did not shoot but had his gun out after George shot; said Mike Gaddis had gun ranged at him and a little boy.

On cross examination he said he was on a front seat and saw Tom Thornton create a disturbance; and his father took him out; Benedict was in middle of the house; Tom was out about three minutes and came in again cursing and crying about something musing his hat up; was walking humped over but not staggering. He did not see Bill Benedict draw a pistol; saw Steve Benedict but did not see him draw a knife; Bill Benedict had a pistol after Thornton had shot the first time, and staggered around the stove and fired three times and then fell; Thornton shot three times; Mike Gaddis had his pistol pointing toward Galloway and a boy; saw George walk down an aisle and saw "They got to let Tom alone." Didn't hear him say anything to Benedict; he put his little boy who was shot out a window; his girl also but she wasn't shot; saw six shots fired and heard lots more, all on the inside.

**Steve Benedict**  
Steve Benedict, a brother of the man killed was the next witness for the prosecution; he went to the celebration before his brother and was

there during the whole trouble; Tom Thornton came in the back door and shouted "hurrah for Santa Claus"; his father put him out, telling him to have some respect for Rev. Shouse. Tom said: "G-d-the brother;" when the trouble started Mike grabbed Willie Benedict and was holding him; Steve ran to him and told him to turn him loose, which he did; George Thornton walked around the stove and said "By God I'm ready to shoot it out with you," and shot Bill, who turned then and shot at him; Mike Gaddis fired three times at Bill; John Thornton ran by and snatched pistol from Benedict and ran at Bill; fired at Steve; George and John Thornton snapped pistol at Steve; George shot from behind the stove; Benedict was talking peacefully to Galloway at the time.

On cross-examination, he said that he had been on good terms with the Thorntons; he denied that he had made a statement to Mike Gaddis "G-D— you if you don't turn him loose I'll cut your throat;" denied he had a knife in his hand; denied he saw his brother walk to a back window and call for his pistol; said Gaddis took hold of Will Benedict just as soon as George passed by him in the aisle; first saw his brother's pistol after he was shot; and was sinking to the floor; George Thornton fired first two shots; Gaddis fired three; couldn't tell how many shots Willie and George fired; said Thornton came down the aisle took Willie's pistol, shot Willie and then John and George Thornton both snapped their pistols in his face; and they both ran; said he was not saying a word of George.

**Widow of Dead Man**  
Mrs. William Benedict, widow of the dead man, told practically the same story of the shooting that Steve Benedict did; she said her husband was not drinking, and that no words had passed between him and George Thornton before the latter shot him; on cross-examination she denied that her husband was cursing and said that he'd clean out the bunch; he only said that they had to respect his family; she denied that the teacher asked her husband to be quiet and not raise any disturbance.

**Burhan Galloway**  
Burhan Galloway, son of Marion Galloway, was sitting within three feet of Willie Benedict; he said that George Thornton said nothing to Benedict; walked up to him and shot; Benedict staggered around the stove with his gun in both hands; he saw Mike Gaddis fire; a bullet hit the witness in the right arm; saw Tom Thornton with a pistol but did not see John fire; on cross-examination he said he once had a fight with one of the Thornton boys but it had been forgotten; he did not see Gaddis take hold of Benedict; he saw Tom with his hand on his pistol in a hip pocket a good while before shooting began. Dr. Weddle, of Hustonville, told of examining the body of Willie Benedict and said that there were two wounds, one through the left shoulder, which ranged through the body and the other through the left hand, starting at the back of the hand; he supported the body of Benedict after the shooting and Benedict died in his arms.

**Witnesses for the Defense**  
John Thornton, father of the Thornton was the first witness for the defense; he said he lives in Sugar Tree Hollow; came here from Wayne county 33 years ago; assisted Miss Minelle Pruitt, the teacher in arranging for the Christmas tree at the Harris' Creek schoolhouse; she was to conduct the entertainment and he to assist in keeping order in the house; he was superintendent of the Sunday school; he was at the school all day; came back about 4 in the afternoon; and stayed there to attend the tree; George Thornton got there between 4 and 5; Tom about 7; Benedict about 6:30; he spoke to Benedict and had a few social words; they were on good terms; Tom came in and said something to a little boy friend about Santa Claus; John told Tom to keep still that Brother Shouse was talking; Tom started out and John went out with him; somebody had knocked his hat down and he talked loud about it; Ambrose Wilson picked up his hat; John went on down the hill a short way with him; Tom came back in about 15 minutes and started back up the aisle; John told him not to do so; Tom said he'd go home; went out and stayed some time; came back and began crying to his mother; admitted that Tom was drinking; he sat by his mother and hushed; George came back in his shirt sleeves; was to act Santa Claus; asked to be excused and came back and stood with them; Tom went out and around the house; next saw Tom about 15 minutes later walking down the aisle from the curtain and placed himself up against the door; Tom cried again; Benedict who was about two desks in front of George, raised up and said: "That's got to be cut out right now." Gave his baby to his wife and said: "It don't matter a G-D— it's got to be cut out." Ambrose Wilson told him he was doing more cursing than anyone; Bill unbuttoned his coat and drew his pistol up in the air; Gaddis grabbed him; George and Tom were behind John; they said nothing to Benedict; he pushed Tom back; Steve Benedict came up and said "Turn him loose;" Benedict was advancing; George stuck his gun over John's head; he took his mother out; and pushed Tom out; Gaudis and Steve and Bill were wrestling over the pistol; Steve had a knife; Steve said: "G-D— it; turn him loose; if you don't turn him loose I'll cut your throat from ear to ear;" Bill Benedict said: "I'll shoot it out with you," and fired at George Thornton; George braced himself against the wall and fired back at him; Benedict sank to the floor; John snatched George's pistol and grabbed Bill Benedict's pistol; denied that he fired a shot at Bill's body; said Bill's pistol was empty; he didn't snap it at anybody; didn't know George had a

pistol; neither he nor George was drinking but Tom had a few drinks, but no one could tell it from his walk; George had not created any disturbance.

On cross examination by the attorney for the prosecution, he said he didn't hear Tom hollow out and knew he didn't; Tom was talking to Arthur Gaddis' little children; denied that Tom was badly misbehaving; when Benedict stood up Mat Mosehart yelled "Everybody get out;" George went out with his mother and came back in about a minute and a half; John shoved his sons out the door; George put his gun over his father's shoulder and said: "Turn him loose; you needn't hold him;" John said "Don't do that;" and put George and Tom and their mother out; George came back after he had taken his mother out; Benedict ran toward George; Bill shot first; he fired two shots before George did; John was watching them fire; George was firing over the stove; George fired six shots; John grabbed Bill's pistol; denied that he fired at him; Tom had no pistol; had no idea of Tom starting any trouble.

**George Thornton**  
George Thornton, who fired the shot that killed Benedict was placed on the stand next. He described the preliminary events leading up to the shooting about as his father had described them above; he said that when John Thornton took Tom out he saw Benedict getting mad; and resigned as Santa Claus and went to his mother; went outside and put on his overcoat; when he came back in Benedict was cursing and saying it had to be cut out; Wilson said to him: "You're doing more cursing than anyone;" George went out with his mother and returned for his little sisters; Benedict shot at him twice before he shot; he told about the gun he used, which belonged to Sherman Coy, who had sent it to Sam Rothwell to be fixed; George got it and went with expectation of giving it to Coy with no expectation of trouble; had been on good terms with Benedict; was expecting to see Coy at the Christmas tree and give him the pistol.

Tom Thornton testified that he had two drinks at 1 o'clock. Five of them drank out of a pint bottle; did not drink all; he was outside when the shooting began.

**Mike Gaddis**  
Mike Gaddis testified that Bill Benedict fired the first shot; when he turned Benedict loose he didn't see him sit down; people were trying to get out; Benedict fired at Thornton; On cross examination he said he got shot in the leg; didn't know who shot him; said George Thornton could not have shot him in the position he was in; Gaddis had no run.

**Ambrose Wilson**  
Ambrose Wilson testified that he saw Willie Benedict trying to draw it; his wife and little girl ran to him and begged him not to do it; witness went out when he saw trouble he said Willie was saying "Stand back, G-D— you, stand back;" witness told him not to do anything like that; Benedict was swearing; Gaddis had Benedict; he had not seen George Thornton; didn't see Benedict go out of the house; did not know who fired first shot, and saw nothing of shooting.

**Miss Minelle Pruitt**  
Miss Minelle Pruitt, teacher of the Harris' Creek school, gave some very interesting testimony; she said that she was in the room when the shooting began; Benedict had the first pistol she saw; she asked him not to start any trouble, please; and to put his pistol up; he said: "You get away and everybody get back;" she didn't know where George Thornton was; had heard no words between them; George was perfectly sober; John had been quiet and back in crowd; Tom was behind the curtain about 10 minutes and started no disorder; Tom came to the window and watched a few minutes; and then climbed in; they had put him out because he was drinking; she heard a commotion in the back of the room; she was sitting behind the curtains; it was a little while after she saw Benedict with the revolver that the trouble started; she saw George Thornton shooting and could see the flesh from two guns; she went out the window; she told the children to lie down on the floor; she saw Mike Gaddis with Benedict trying to take the pistol from him; the first report was not so very loud.

Sherman Coy said he was not in the house at the time of the trouble. Frank Feistretzer said he didn't see the difficulty; saw Benedict come around to the window and asked him for his pistol; he gave it to him.

William Lee Pruitt said he saw Tom Thornton and he was drinking; Benedict raised up and walked up toward the tree and looked as if he was mad; when Benedict raised up, witness saw man at door with pistol but didn't know who he was.

Dave Knepfle testified he didn't see Benedict draw a pistol, nor did he see Gaddis with him; saw Benedict come in and take a seat by the stove; he rose up and said something but witness couldn't hear it; witness couldn't tell who fired the first shot; he hadn't seen George do anything; out of the way; saw John take Tom out and saw some one at the door with a pistol in the air who was pushed out of the door.

John Browning testified that he was inside all of the time; he saw George Thornton's pistol first but didn't know who drew first; Benedict was standing up; no one had hold of him previous to that; did not see Steve and Mike; George had his pistol in the air and John was trying to get to him all the time; saw John take George's pistol first and then Benedict's.

Nannie Ellen Rice said she is Tob Rice's daughter; she testified she saw Mrs. Thornton out side the building and saw Mrs. Thornton was crying and said George said he would return for her children. Jasper Gaddis, son of Lee Gaddis,

## Lincoln Democrats

Attend Banquet At Louisville And Hear Bryan Speak

Headed by Dr. W. B. O'Bannon, County Chairman, a number of Lincoln county democrats attended the banquet of the Democratic Forward League at the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, last Thursday night, at which Hon. William Jennings Bryan was the principal speaker. Admission was only by invitation. About 500 of the most representative dry democrats of the state were present. Those from Lincoln, in addition to Dr. O'Bannon, were M. S. Baughman, Stanley Stephenson, John S. Baughman, T. W. Pennington, D. M. Walker and S. M. Saufley. Bryan sounded the keynote in the coming fight to make Kentucky totally dry and to obtain both statewide and nation-wide prohibition. He delivered a magnificent address, which the I. J. hopes to reproduce probably in its next issue. Other speakers were Senator J. C. W. Beckham, H. V. McChesney and Harry A. Sommers. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the work of the Democratic Forward League, which will endeavor to have the Democratic party take the dry end of the question, starts off under most favorable conditions and auspices.

## Asks For Endorsement

Popular and Efficient Jailer Candidate For Re-Election

The Interior Journal is authorized today to announce the candidacy of George F. DeBorde for the democratic nomination for Jailer of Lincoln county. That Mr. DeBorde has made one of the very best jailers this county has ever had is conceded by everybody, regardless of whether they are for him or not, and it is upon the splendid record that he has made as a faithful and efficient servant of the people that he is asking an endorsement at their hands. Mr. DeBorde is a life-long democrat, and comes of democratic stock, which has always responded to the call of his party. He has served as chairman of campaign committees in battles against the common enemy and has rendered inestimable and valuable service. He has a host of friends all over the county, who will undoubtedly rally strongly to his standard in the coming race. In making his announcement he issued the following card to the democrats:

**To The Democrats of Lincoln County**  
I am a candidate for the democratic nomination for Jailer of Lincoln county. During the present term I have to the best of my ability endeavored to perform the duties of the office as required by law and hope that my efforts along this line will merit an endorsement.

Very truly,  
GEORGE F. DEBORDE.

## Oldest Lady In County

Was Mrs. Margaret Smith Who Died Near Waynesburg Last Week

Perhaps the oldest woman in Lincoln county passed away last week when Mrs. Margaret Smith, died at her home about a mile north of Waynesburg. She died on Dec. 23d at the ripe old age of 92 years and 11 months. Mrs. Smith was born in this county and had lived here all of her long and useful life. She had for many years been a member of the Mt. Moriah Christian church and funeral services were held there Christmas day by the pastor. The deceased is survived by four daughters, Mrs. George Horton, Mrs. Doug Jeffries, Mrs. Craig Sims and a daughter in Indiana, a large number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

## BOONE—DUNAWAY

The marriage of Miss Alline Boone and William Dunaway was solemnized quietly at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boone's Saturday evening at eight o'clock, only close relatives being present. Rev. Lewis Bowling said the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony that made this happy couple husband and wife. The bride wore a beautiful white af-feta gown trimmed with white net and ribbon and looked both sweet and beautiful. Miss Mary Boone, sister of the bride was maid of honor and wore a blue taffeta trimmed in white lace. Albert Gerkey, close friend of the groom, was best man. Mrs. J. M. Hiatt, aunt of the bride played the wedding march. The house was artistically decorated in white and green. After the ceremony a supper was served, and all took their departure wishing the happy couple long, happy and prosperous lives with all the sunshine and roses that could come their way. Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway will take rooms with Mrs. Hunn at Stanford.

## BAD HABITS

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

testified he didn't see Benedict draw his revolver; he was on the outside when the first shot was fired; he saw Benedict come behind the curtain and ask for the one who had his gun. This closed the testimony and Judge Bailey held the defendants to the grand jury.

## CRAIG SIMS PASSES AWAY

Craig Sims, aged 58, one of the best known farmers and citizens of the southern section of this county, died at his home near the Pleasant View Baptist church last Friday after an illness of about a year of a complication of troubles. Mr. Sims was a brother of F. N. Sims and Bud Sims, and is survived by five children, Oliver and Henley Sims, his sons, and Misses Daisy and Dollie Sims and a married daughter in Indiana. His wife preceded him to the Great Beyond a number of years ago. The deceased was a faithful member of the Pleasant Point Baptist church and funeral services were conducted there Sunday afternoon, by Rev. A. G. Coker.

## BANK DIRECTORS ENTERTAINED

Cashier W. M. Bright entertained the directors and staff of the Lincoln County National Bank at a delightful luncheon at The Princess on last Wednesday. All were in a particular happy frame of mind, for the report of this very popular financial institution in today's paper, shows that it is enjoying the most prosperous period of its career, with deposits at a record figure for a Lincoln county bank. A delightful menu was served and all appreciated the entertainment provided by the genial host.

## JONES—LIPSCOMB

The marriage of Miss Lelia Belle Jones, of near Milledgeville, to Samuel Lipscomb, of Winchester, was solemnized Thursday afternoon at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Good at Winchester, the Rev. J. H. McNeill officiating. Miss Jones for several years stay in this city and attended school and has many friends here who wish them much happiness. Mr. Lipscomb has a position in Akron, O., where he and his bride will live.

## FIRST NATIONAL'S NICÉ REPORT

A splendid report of its condition at the closing of the old year is made by the First National Bank of this city. The report is published on the third page, and in addition to a large deposit, showing that as well as declaring its usual dividend, the bank carried 7 per cent to undivided profits, and is in fine shape. Its report will undoubtedly be pleasing to its stockholders.

## Farm and Stock News

Top hogs were \$10.50 at Cincinnati yesterday.

J. M. Rankin, out on the Danville Morris last week at 7 1-2 cents a pike, bought eight shoats of Dr. J. T. Pound.

Richard Cobb & Sons, of near Danville, recently sold four Shorthorn calves to Allen Edelen, of Burgin, for \$550. They shipped to Mississippi.

Charley Robbins, of the East End, bought a hog of Frank Robbins, of the same section, that weighed 250 pounds at 8 cents a pound. He also bought a cow of Homer Price.

Sam Helm bought 20 acres of the old Walker Rout farm from Frank Martin last week, at a private figure. The tract adjoins Mr. Helm's farm on the upper side and is a nice piece of ground and greatly enhances the nice boundary of land he already has in the Turnersville section.

C. E. Tate, of this city, sold to T. W. Jones, of the stock yards, last week, a drove of 40 hogs that averaged 140 pounds, at \$9.75 a hundred.

One of the finest tobacco sales of the season made by a Lincoln county man was the sale of a load which Logan Hubble sent to the Danville market last week. There were 3,715 pounds on the load, which was pulled by two horses, and the check that Mr. Hubble received amounted to \$745, as his weed averaged right around 20 cents a pound. Mr. Hubble, who is a hustling and progressive young farmer, has a lot more of the same sort of weed in his barns on the Lancaster pike, and will have it on the breaks just as quickly as he can get it stripped.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

## WEDDING BELLS

Harrison Martin, 56, a farmer, and Mrs. Mattie Dishon, 34, were married here the 16th.

Irvine Snowden, 23 and Miss Bertie Fleming, daughter of F. F. Fleming, age 18 were united in marriage Dec. 20th at the home of Rev. Jos. Ballou by that gentleman.

Luther Russell, 28 and Miss Lelia S. Gooch, 22, were married Dec. 22. W. O. McCellan, 30, a bridge carpenter, and Miss Alpha Hurst, 19, daughter of Will Hurst, were married Dec. 23.

Hervey Hopson, 22, and Miss Rosetta, 19, were made one by Rev. J. A. Singleton on Dec. 22.

William Watts, 25 and Miss Ada Floyd, 18, daughter of W. C. Floyd were married at Rev. Owens's on Dec. 25th.

Thomas Adams, 22 an auto repairer and Miss Marcia Smith, 19, daughter of L. T. Smith, were united in marriage at the bride's home on Dec. 25 by Rev. W. D. Welburn.

Dean Gooch, 36, and Miss Pearl Haggard, 23, were married here on Dec. 25th.

Gus Horton, 23, and Miss Susie Long, 16, daughter of J. M. Long were married at the bride's home on Dec. 26.

## Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

## Dr. Gordon's Quiet Talks

Drawing Large Congregations at Two Churches This Week.

The "Quiet Talks" of Dr. S. D. Gordon, at the Presbyterian church in the afternoon and the Christian church in the evenings, are drawing large congregations this week. The speaker is an exponent of the Word of wonderful simplicity yet powerful persuasiveness and he tells the Story in a direct, conversational way that sends a direct personal appeal to all who hear him. His talk Sunday night in opening the series was typical of the man and his methods. It was his interpretation of the story of the woman of Samaria as found in the fourth chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning at the seventh verse. The great strength and simplicity of thought and language with which the speaker handled this theme was a revelation to those who had never heard him. Through the woman of Samaria with whom Jesus talked at will, said Mr. Gordon, Jesus touched the people of all her village. During his ministry Jesus reached men everywhere with his hand, with his heart and with his life. Jesus has a way of touching men, and through that touch teaching and changing the lives of other men. The change that came to Sychar came first to one person in the village. The change that came with the great reformation came first to Luther before it shook the very foundation of Europe. The woman at the well, in her heart to heart talk with Jesus, saw herself as she really was. It is always so. There are four personalities in every man. First, there is the person the crowd knows; next, there is the man your intimate friends know; then there is the man you know yourself, who is widely different from the first two; and, lastly, there is the man that God sees, with the shutters wide open and the blinds up so that the sunlight streams in unimpeded, every blemish exposed and things exactly as they are. It is a bad thing to see yourself as you are, if you stop there. It is a good thing to see yourself as you are, if, like the woman of Samaria, you can at the same time have a vision of the Christ. She saw; was moved to tell others what she saw. You can not go down the pathway the Master trods without finding the razor edge of sacrifice turned toward you, but to the man who bares his breast to the cutting there comes into his life a fragrance that gives an uplifting message to men wherever he goes. Suffering is sin's index finger. What does it mean to be a Christian? Does it mean merely that one must read the Bible, or that one must accept this or that dogma? No. To be a Christian all one needs to do is simply to open the heart to Jesus; he comes in. Having done this, you will read the Bible because you will love it, and you will believe in Christ because you are a Christian.

The program the remainder of the week:

**Afternoons**  
Tuesday—"Why Prayer Fails"  
Wednesday—"How to Insure Results in Prayer."  
Thursday—"The Chief Significance of this World War."

**Nights**  
Tuesday—"God on a Woeful Errand."  
Wednesday—"Does God Need You and Me?"  
Thursday—"A Mastering Passion."

## Hustonville

William Peavyhouse, cashier of a bank at Jackson spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. J. F. Gann, who has been quite ill for some time is some better.

Sid Brown, of Hustonville, bought an extra Jersey cow of Mrs. L. C. Carpenter for \$60.

Dr. James Riffe and family, of Erlanger, are here among relatives.

William Cloyd of Arizona, is here the guest of his mother, Mrs. Priscilla Brown.

Hill Spalding, wife and daughter, of Lexington, are the guests of her father, Dr. Edward Alcorn and family.

Carlisle Alcorn, of Springfield, Mo., came home to spend the Xmas holidays with his little son and other relatives.

Roman Myers is at home from Lexington for the holidays.

Miss Bettie Logan is able to be out after two week's illness.

Carlisle Myers is able to out after a severe attack of yellow jaundice.

Jack Newbern, the new druggist at Wilmore, was married on Dec. 25, at Knoxville, Tenn., to Miss Carrie L. Johnson, of Knoxville. They had not intended to marry so soon but on some business they decided to marry then. They immediately returned to Wilmore, where they will receive congratulations from their many friends.

Parker Swope came home from Nashville last week to see homefolks.

J. T. Sutton left for New Castle, Ind., last week for a visit to his son, Coleman and family.

Carroll Carpenter of Derby, Kansas, died Dec. 21st, aged 87 years after several years of feeble health. He left here several years ago for Kansas. He is a brother of L. C. Carpenter, Mrs. M. M. Dunn and Mrs. Uriah Dunn, of this place and Mrs. Bettie Fowler of Stanford. He was the father of Mrs. Emmett McCormack, the only child of his first wife, who was a Miss Hocker, of Turnersville and his second wife was Miss Sallie McCormack. To this union were born four children, viz Mrs. Maggie Rudolph, of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Ella Swisher, of Derby, Kan., Mrs. Carrie Matthews, Wichita, Kan., and David Carpenter, of Jackson, Mo. The interment took place at Derby, Kansas.